

# Pornography Curb Sought By Group

WASHINGTON (BP) — A house judiciary subcommittee has opened hearings on what one republican member called "the deadly serious business" of pornography. The hearings, likely to go on for sometime, concern some 150 anti-obscenity bills sponsored by more than 200 congressmen.

This material the committee is dealing with "is worse than salacious, beyond what is indecent and reflects a serious depravity . . ." declared Rep. Richard H. Poff (R., Va.), the ranking minority member of the subcommittee.

The principal target of the bills, many of which are similar, "is not

## 'Camille' Gifts Top \$385,000

The Hurricane 'Camille' Offering being received by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board continues to rise with \$385,584.31 contributed through Monday, Sept. 29, according to A. L. Nelson, treasurer and business manager of the board.

Three large gifts from out of the state since the report a week ago helped to push the total higher.

A check for \$50,000 was received from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, adding to several gifts already received from this agency.

Additional checks were also received from two state conventions, Baptist General Convention of Texas, \$43,101.17 and Alabama Baptist Convention, \$21,313.79.

Numerous other contributions have been received from out of the state, as well as from within the state.

This offering, received in the churches of the state Sunday, September 7, was requested by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board following a suggestion by the executive secretary, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

The offering will go to the Baptist churches and people in south Mississippi who suffered such extensive damage from Hurricane Camille which struck the Coast on Sunday night, August 17.

Other churches or individuals still wishing to contribute may do so by sending their funds to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, O. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Hudgins said that the estimated unrecoverable losses of the Baptist churches in the hurricane area would range between \$1,000,000, and \$1,200,000.

These gifts came principally from individuals, churches, associations, state convention and SBC agencies.

## Send For State Baptist Convention Reservations Now

We have just learned that the Mississippi Farm Bureau has moved its annual convention from Biloxi to Jackson for the dates November 11 and 12, and that hotels and motels are filling up fast for those dates.

Because of this we suggest that you write or call for your reservation for the Mississippi Baptist Convention now. If you wait even a week or two you may find it most difficult to get the room you want.

## President Criswell Urges

# Accept Faith Statements or Leave SBC

NASHVILLE (BP) — Questioning how long the Southern Baptist Convention can stay together with so much diversity within its ranks, the president of the 11 million member denomination said here that Baptists who don't accept the convention-adopted statements of faith ought to leave and join another church.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 15,000-member First Baptist Church, Dallas, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made the statements in a personal report to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee meeting here.

In introducing his topic, the outspoken pastor called his report, "Being a Baptist — My Greatest Dilemma." Then he described his "dilemma of despair, my dilemma of grief" with this question:

"How far do you compromise what you believe in order to stay together?"

He asked how long the Southern Baptist Convention can stay together, saying: "There are among us liberals, conservatives, fundamentalists; open communists, closed

the street corner hawkers," Poff continued. It is the "arrogant baron of pornography" who is contemptuous of the laws and is getting rich from peddling filthy materials.

On the opening day of hearings, the chief concern of the witnesses was how to draft legislation to keep sexually offensive matter from persons under 18 and to ban unsolicited sex-oriented materials from being mailed, and yet not run afoul of the U. S. Constitution.

Rep. Emanuel Cellier (D., N. Y.), chairman of the full judiciary committee said he would not support legislation unless "it can be done constitutionally."

"Censorship has no place in a free society like ours. We avoid censorship because it seems to us to strike at the very roots of democracy," he declared, "on the other hand," he continued, "there is obscenity and, more particularly, its gross public exploitation of sex."

Cellier went on to say that some of the material received by members of the committee is "disgusting and wholly indefensible in terms of value."

A republican from Ohio, Rep. William M. McCulloch, said that congress must "jealously guard" the right of every citizen to be free to think whatever he wishes, to read whatever he wants to, and to hold whatever moral and spiritual values he chooses.

"We must respect the right of a citizen to expose himself to pornography if he desires," McCulloch declared. "We must also respect the right of persons not to receive this material when it arrives unsolicited in the mail."

Two bills supported by the Nixon administration are representative of the large number under consideration by the subcommittee. One would prohibit the use of interstate mails, including the mails, for the transportation of "matter harmful to minors."

This is spelled out in the bill to mean written materials, pictures of records that depict, describe or represent "in actual or simulated form, nudity, sexual conduct, or sado-masochistic behavior."

The bill also would forbid mailing to minors any information regarding where such materials may be obtained.

## HMB Loses Staff

## Members Appoints Eight New Couples

ATLANTA (BP) — The resignation of one staff member and the appointment of eight missionary couples to full-time service has been announced by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Roy Lewis, assistant to the director of the board's church loans division, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lilburn, Ga. Lewis, employed by the board for more than eight years, said his resignation will be effective Oct. 31.

Before assuming his present position in 1967, he was loan officer of the board. Prior to joining the board he was pastor of the Napoleon Baptist Chapel in Napoleon, Ohio, and Westside Baptist Church in Sandusky, Ohio.

Of the eight couples appointed as missionaries, four will serve in northeastern states. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Land will serve in Tuckerton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Webb in Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Taylor in Boston, Mass. and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Wright, Jr. in Hartford, Conn.

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Brotherhood Leadership Conference Held

The first of a series of Brotherhood Leadership Conferences was held at the First Baptist Church in Brandon Monday of this week. Several leaders present were, from left: Judge O. H. Barnett, Carthage;

Rev. A. A. Ward, Leake County superintendent of missions; W. L. Smith, Dallas Texas, Baptist Board secretary; Rev. E. L. Howell, state brotherhood director; and Rev. Bill Duncan, host pastor.

# 'Camille' Relief Approved By SBC Executive Group

NASHVILLE, (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, after hearing two reports on devastation wrought by Hurricane Camille, adopted two different recommendations commanding Baptist relief efforts among victims of the tragedy.

During its three-day fall session, the 60-member committee also voted to change its internal subcommittee structure, and recommended that the convention re-affirm its commitment to meet in Portland, Oregon, on the dates of June 11-15, 1973.

For the first time, five students were invited by committee action to participate in the meeting as special guests. Each was assigned to subcommittees and urged to participate openly.

Though conducting regular convention business consumed most of the time, Hurricane Camille and an address by Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas seemed to prompt most of the discussions in the corridors and coffee breaks.

In his report to the committee, Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, urged Baptists who don't accept the convention-adopted statements of faith to leave the denomination, rather than "bore from within" and try to change Baptists.

He asked how long Baptists could stay together with so much diversity within their ranks, adding: "How far do you compromise what you believe in order to stay together?"

In two different actions, the Executive Committee voted to commend such groups as the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, other SBC agencies, state convention, associations,

churches, the Baptist Press, the Mississippi Baptist executive leadership, and Baptist pastors, friends and people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for their immediate response in meeting needs resulting from Hurricane Camille.

Citizens were presented to three men from Mississippi — Larry Rollman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Biloxi who directed a city-wide effort at the request of the mayor to "feed and clothe" the people of the city; J. W. Brister of Gulfport, associational superintendent of missions for the area who directed a central receiving station for food and clothing; and John Traylor, pastor of

the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, which suffered the greatest property damage in the hurricane. It was pointed out these three represented hundreds of pastors and laymen.

W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the committee that the property damage to Baptist churches in Mississippi not covered by insurance was more than \$1.1 million, not including an additional \$1.1 million damage done to two Baptist assemblies almost completely wiped out and beyond repair.

Hudgins said that Baptists in Mississippi and across the country had contributed to date a total of \$233,020

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## Five Students Call Executive Committee "Enlightening"

NASHVILLE (BP) — For the first time, five students were invited to participate as special guests in the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and they went away saying the experience was "enlightening" and even shattered a few stereotypes.

All five expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to attend, stating in a letter read to the full committee: "We are grateful not so much that we five individuals were chosen to be your guests as we are uplifted that our denomination was one of the first major religious bodies in the United States to give ear to her youth as you have."

"The act of your seeking our participation we view as a tribute to your largeness of spirit and strength of maturity," said the students' letter, which was drafted mostly by Dan Aleshire, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In June, the committee voted to invite five students to participate in its discussions, and at the September meeting, voted again to invite three to five students to its February meeting.

One of the five students was Miss North Carolina — Meredith student Patsy Johnson of Raleigh, who told the Executive Committee the students had been "very pleased with everything that has gone on in this meeting."

The three other students, in a later interview, did not concur with "complete agreement with everything," but said they were pleasantly surprised by the way the denomination does its business.

"It shattered my stereotype image of the Executive Committee as a group of powerful heads all meeting together," said Paul Andrews, president of the student body at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Andrews and Robert Dalton, student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville both agreed they were impressed that the Executive Committee was "run like a business."

"Now the drift today is to be broad and inclusive and ecumenical," he said.

As an example, he cited the forced resignation in 1979 of Crawford H. Toy as professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary because, Criswell said, he had become infatuated with German rationalistic theology. Criswell said that Toy became a Unitarian and never went to church again.

"But that is the illustration (Toy's being forced to resign) some people are using to say that Southern Baptists are too narrow," Criswell said.

"Somebody is going to say somebody is different," he declared. "Is it I, or is it they? Are we going to give up the doctrines of faith we hold and be like other denominations?"

"If we have men who do not bear

social application of the gospel; those who would emphasize evangelism." Criswell stated that the Southern Baptist Convention is not a geographic body of churches; it is a doctrinal commitment, adding that Baptists have never been hesitant to publish and defend articles of faith such as the ones adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 and 1963.

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The complexity of the business, however, sometimes seemed perplexing, the students said. "There wasn't a lot we could offer," said Miss Linda Fowler, student at Peabody College in Nashville. "It was the members who knew the facts and had studied the problems who had to make the decisions," she added.

"At this point, the students themselves might have shattered some of the stereotype images the adult Baptist leaders might have had concerning students. They did not press for demands, and usually did not say much in the meeting."

"Just as members of our genera-

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"Shooting" The President

SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas, is the movie crew for the film, "Dimensions of Courage." The SBC anniversary film, a 45-minute documentary in color, will be released Dec. 15, 1969 through the Baptist Film Centers. (BP) Photo.

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## 7,000 Expected In Tokyo For BWA Meeting

"The Baptists are coming." Those words are being heard increasingly around the hotels of Tokyo, says Rev. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary press representative for the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries). Hotel proprietors will be disappointed if fewer than the anticipated 7,000 show up for the 12th Baptist World Congress, July 12-18, 1970, he adds.

Already, the congress is being publicized by the Tokyo office of the Baptist World Alliance, by various committees working out the many details of preparation, and by travel agents and tour leaders. The meeting will be the first Baptist World Congress to be held in Asia and the largest meeting of international Christians ever in Japan, Mr. Grant notes.

Yet, no all of Tokyo's 11 million people can be expected to get excited about the Baptist gathering, since some kind of meeting on an international scale occurs in the world's largest city almost every day, he says. But he predicts that after 7,000 Baptists arrive for their meeting in the Budokan, a large downtown arena, some of Tokyo's masses will know that the congress "is a different kind of meeting."

With the coverage the Japanese mass media will give the congress, the name Baptists will be heard by millions for the first time in Japan, where Christians of all denominations comprise less than 1 percent of the population. "Certainly if those who attend the congress leave behind a witness for Christ, Tokyo and all Japan could be profoundly affected," Mr. Grant says.

Next year, the country will be host to Expo '70, its first world fair, to be held in Osaka. Japan, a country known for its genuine hospitality to foreign guests, will be at its best in 1970, not just because the Baptists are coming but because the world is coming," Mr. Grant says.

## BWA Names Denny As Acting Secretary

WASHINGTON (BP) — The administrative committee of the Baptist World Alliance named Robert S. Denny acting general secretary of the international organization of Baptist following the death of Josef Nordenhaug on Sept. 18.

Denny, an associate secretary of the alliance since 1956, was elected by the BWA executive committee meeting in Baden, Austria in August to succeed Nordenhaug as general secretary. Nordenhaug had planned to retire in July 1970.

The administrative committee of the alliance met in emergency session on Sept. 22, the day of the Nordenhaug funeral. Denny's new duties began immediately. He is continuing with the arrangements for the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, July 12-18, 1970.

## Mississippi College Signs Compliance With U.S. Government

In order to permit students to participate in the federally insured loan program, Mississippi College trustees voted Thursday of last week to sign compliance with regulations of the U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Department.

The action was taken after lengthy and often heated debate, it was reported, and was by a very close vote of the trustees.

On May 30, the trustees had voted to accept the Veterans Administration regulations so that ex-servicemen and war orphans could have the benefit of V.A. assistance. At the same time, graduate courses for the summer were opened to all applicants who could qualify.

The latest action was for the benefit of students themselves, and did not change the college's policy of making no applications for federal aid for the institution itself.

Mississippi College, located in Clinton, is one of four institutions of higher learning owned and maintained by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Dr. Lewis W. Nichols, president.

The other institutions are Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, and Clarke College, Newton.

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to help rebuild the churches in the state, and that the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board had just committed \$50,000 plus the \$5,000 already given for emergency relief.

Rohrman, in a brief address to the group, said however that property damage statistics and photographs of the devastation don't begin to tell the story, for thousands of people had lost their homes, businesses, everything they had, and hundreds had lost their lives.

## June Whitlow Named WMU Division Head

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Miss June Whitlow, consultant on administration and research for the Southern

Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for the past two years, has been elected director of the WMU promotion division.

Miss Whitlow will take office immediately, succeeding Mrs. R. L. Mathis, who was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union in June.

A native of Arkansas, Miss Whitlow was Woman's Missionary Society director for Georgia Baptists from 1964-66 before joining the national WMU staff. She taught high school in Vandalia, Ill., for three years previously, and was a summer WMU field worker for several years.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Whitlow, a Baptist minister in Little Rock, Ark. Her uncle, S. A. Whitlow is past executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and her cousin, C. Eugene Whitlow, is editor of the Baptist New Mexican. Another cousin, Henry Whitlow, is Southern Baptist foreign missionary, and a brother,

Miss Whitlow is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

"I can't express to you and to all Southern Baptists how much your help has meant," Rohrman said. "But when we opened up those boxes of food and clothing, we could almost see some mother standing there putting into that box the things that she would like to have if she had been in one there."

Traylor, whose church suffered \$500,000 damage and is \$1 million in debt on its property, said he didn't know what the response to the insurance claim would be, but the church is now beginning to overcome financial difficulties it faced at first. "We're trying to shift our concern from buildings to people," he said.

Brister said the response to the needs had been so overwhelming that "we learned what it was like to be killed with kindness."

Earlier, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board presented a report on their relief efforts, reporting that they offered funds to Baptist groups in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Virginia for relief, but only \$5,000 was immediately requested by the state conventions in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Two main distribution points were set up to receive and distribute food, clothing, and other supplies — one in Gulfport directed by Brister, and another at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary directed by Mercer Irwin, New Orleans associational leader.

T. E. Carter, secretary of the board's department of Christian Social Ministries who coordinated the relief effort, said that at least 131 people were killed in flash floods caused by Camille when 31 inches of water fell in four hours in Nelson County, Va.

Virginia Executive Committee Member Albert Sims added that 52 members of one small Baptist church drowned in one night in the flood waters.

Carter said that the board had learned many lessons from the disaster, saying that one of the greatest problems is "that Baptists will do anything with anybody except other selected Baptists, in the traditional Baptist way — do it mainly for Baptists or Baptist property — and thereby miss one of life's most unique ways of witnessing for Christ through concrete expression of love, compassion and concern."

"If we are to do an effective work

of disaster relief, we will have to have cooperative efforts with others who deal with disasters," Carter said.

The Executive Committee, in other action, approved bylaws changes dealing with its sub-committee structure, eliminating the current public relations subcommittee and making it a part of the administrative committee.

The action was taken in order to equalize the work load of the committees, deepen the study of the committees, and relate public relations to the total work of the Executive Committee, explained James Monroe of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., chairman of the committee.

Other actions taken by the committee included adoption of a new fiscal year of October-September rather than January - December; approval of loan requests from the SBC Radio-Television Commission and New Orleans Seminary; rejection of a loan request for Southern Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., because of insufficient information; and other financial matters regarding SBC agencies.

A procedure for the possibility of a depth study on effective lay involvement within the denomination was approved (though the study itself was not), and the program subcommittee reported after study that it found no problem of relationships between theological seminaries and hospitals with clinical pastoral care education programs.

As a matter of information, the program committee also reported that it expects to complete by February a depth study of the denomination's student work program.

The Executive Committee paid tribute to Albert McClellan on his 20th anniversary on the organization's staff, and W. C. Fields and John Williams on their tenth anniversaries. McClellan is program planning secretary, Fields is public relations secretary, and Williams is financial planning secretary.

Resolutions of respect were adopted honoring the late Harold Basden of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Josef Nordenhaug of the Baptist World Alliance, and Sydnor L. Stealey formerly of Southwestern Seminary, and the work of H. G. Hammatt of South Carolina and S. A. Whitlow of Arkansas, both who recently retired as state convention executive secretaries.

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**King Uzziah Model - In 30 Minutes**

ATLANTA—Artist Jerry Hester models Biblical characters out of clay as he gives talks to church groups. The figure of King Uzziah (shown), a monarch from the 8th Century B.C., was produced in less than 30 minutes. The son of a Baptist clergyman, Mr. Hester discusses the life of the subject as he works. He is the owner of an art studio in the Atlanta suburb of Sandy Springs.—(RNS Photo)

## GEN. WESTMORELAND TO SPEAK AT ACADEMY DEDICATION SERVICE

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)—Army Chief of Staff, Gen. William C. Westmoreland will serve as convocation speaker at the formal dedication of Howard Payne College's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom in mid-October.

Ceremonies dedicating the unique social studies center will be Oct. 16-18, with Gen. Westmoreland's speech scheduled for 10 a. m. on the final day.

A statue of General MacArthur, World War II and Korean conflict leader, will also be unveiled.

Howard Payne President Guy D. Newman will award honorary doctorates to Westmoreland, Mrs. MacArthur (the late general's widow) and W. Fred Duckworth, former mayor of Norfolk, Va., and president of the MacArthur Memorial Foundation.

"We expect many diplomats, educators, military and political leaders to be on hand for the dedication," commented the Baptist college president.



**VP Gets Gideon Bible**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — F. C. Aldridge, of Bradenton, Fla., president of the Gideons International, presents the 20-millionth Service Testament to Vice President Spiro Agnew in Washington. The Vice President is Deputy Commander-in-Chief of all U. S. armed forces. (RNS Photo)

## New English Bible Complete; Old Testament Due In March

LONDON (RNS)—After years of labor, translation of the New English Bible has now been completed and the whole work, including the Old Testament and Apocrypha, will be published next March, the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge announced.

The New English Bible is a completely new translation. The New Testament was published in 1961—since then approximately 7,000,000 copies have been sold.

Since 1961, the announcement said, "groups of scholars have continued work on the translation of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, using the best Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts and all the resources of modern biblical scholarship. After years of drafting, discussion, checking and re-checking, the manuscript finally went to the printers at the end of last year."

Two editions will be available: a standard edition of the whole Bible in one volume, to be issued both with and without Apocrypha, and a three-volume set consisting of the Old Testament, the Apocrypha and a revised edition of the New Testament.

### Finnish Church Service Televised

The Finnish national television agency has featured a Baptist worship service for the third time. An open-air service this summer, held in the city park at Jakobstad, on the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, was televised.

Ralph Edstrom, pastor of the 219-member Jakobstad church, preached. The church is the largest one in the Swedish-speaking Baptist Union of Finland. Young people presented several musical selections, both vocal and instrumental.

This was the only Baptist service to appear on TV this year. The Swedish-speaking union is the larger of two Baptist groups in Finland. The other group is made up of Finnish-language churches. Finland is 90 per cent Lutheran.—(EBPS)

## Accept Faith Statements . . .

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lieve in our articles of faith, why don't these people leave us and join denominations where they would be happy?" he asked.

"Is there any place for me and my church in this denomination, or should we attempt to change? he further questioned. "How far am I willing to compromise? How can two walk together," said Amos, "except they be agreed?"

Criswell said that the early Christians, such as Peter and Paul, were unwilling to compromise. He added that the early church was persecuted by the Roman Empire because they refused to accept other gods, and to bow down before Caesar, but rather were willing to die before they would do so.

"Today, I don't know whether we would die for anything. I don't know as president of this convention whether there is enough commitment for us to pay any price for any doctrine," he said.

The SBC president then stated that he felt if a Baptist church member believed in pedo-baptism or the Presbyterian form of church government, he ought to join the Presbyterian Church or some other denomination.

"In my humble judgment, I think we ought to take those articles of faith of 1925 and 1963 and say: 'This is what it is, being a Baptist. If you don't believe that, you are not a Baptist.'

"But don't try to bore from within and destroy us," he said, directing his remarks apparently to any who reject the convention adopted statement of faith.

Criswell closed his report with an impassioned prayer that God would keep the denomination true to its doctrinal statements.

## "Two A Penny" To Be Shown In West Point

World Wide Pictures' dramatic new feature, "Two A Penny," will be shown in West Point, on October 6, 7, and 8. The film made by the film branch of the Billy Graham Organization will be shown at the Ritz Theatre at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. each evening.

Filmed entirely in London and dealing with some of the very real materialistic attitudes of many youths in the "mod generation," the story speaks to both sides of the generation gap on the issue of values and morality. Cliff Richards, England's singing sensation stars in the film as Jamie, a young, egotistical schemer looking for easy answers to timeworn questions.

The film premiere in West Point is being sponsored by several churches of different denominations. Tickets will be available at the box office. Out-of-town groups may call for reserved tickets to be held for them by calling the First Baptist Church of West Point.

The Scriptures may be studied in a ceremonial, mechanical, dull, now-we-are-in-Sunday-School manner. Or you — the teacher — and the class may study the Bible in a dynamic manner. You and your class may plumb the very depths of mind and heart, together, as you seek to know and do God's will through study of the written revelation. This spiritual experience together may be called dynamic Bible study. — Rice A. Pierce in "Leading Dynamic Bible Study," Broadman Press.

## Navajo Christians Take Part In The Americas Crusade

ALLEN NESKAHI JR., a Navajo pastor in Cortez, Colo., speaks to a predominantly Indian audience during the recent Navajo Christian Crusade. Planned and carried out for the first time by Navajo Christians, the four-day revival was part of the Crusade of the Americas. The meeting was held at Tribal Headquarters in Widow Rock, Ariz. and resulted in 125 decisions. (HMB Photos by Don Rutledge)

## Men In Sunbeams?

"Women only," the old attitude toward selecting teachers for Sunbeams, has been replaced by something better. The 1969 rule says "men, too."

The idea is to train men in teaching missions to six-, seven-, and eight-year-olds before the new Southern Baptist group - grading plan goes into effect in October 1970.

At that time Brotherhood will become responsible for teaching missions to boys in the children's division (ages six through eleven). Missions education for girls in that age category will remain the job of Women's Missionary Union.

Frank Lawton, Crusader Consultant in the Brotherhood Commission's Royal Ambassador Department, has taken his own advice and begun to work with Sunbeams.

When Frank began to help form the Crusader Royal Ambassador program for boys six through eleven, he asked the Sunbeam Band director in his church for a job. During the past year he has spent his Wednesday evenings in Memphis at Whitehaven Baptist Church's Primary Sunbeam meetings. He and his wife Lois also teach six-and seven-year-olds in Training Union at Whitehaven Church.

This year Frank and Lois will train and back up another couple who will lead a test group of six through eight-year-old boys organized according to the 1970 plan. This experimental program at Whitehaven Church is one of several the Brotherhood Commission is conducting to test the new plan.

The Lawtons will meet with the couple for yearly, quarterly, and monthly planning sessions and for weekly checkups. They will be testing the value of using couples (the husband serving as counselor and the wife as assistant), the effectiveness of the advancement plan, an extensive day camp emphasis, and the effect of strong masculine influence upon the boys.

Since materials for young Crusader chapters will not be available until January 1970, the experimental groups will draw from Primary units of study in Sunbeam Activities.

Frank says his experience with boys in Sunbeams has helped shape the plans that Brotherhood will recommend in the 70's. Actually, Frank had

little to learn about teaching young boys. For 18 years he served in Mississippi as pastor, minister of education, and minister of music. He holds an MRE degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a concentration in children's work. His interest in missions is bolstered by a sister and several cousins who are Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. The Lawtons are parents of two RAs and two GAS.

"We strongly recommend that churches look ahead to line up potential leaders for Crusader chapters that will involve six through eight-year-old boys," Frank advised. "These men will be better prepared if they work with an experienced Primary Sunbeam leader this year." All Royal Ambassador counselors and assistants should be enlisted and trained before July 1, 1970.

Men teaching Sunbeams is one important point in a plan outlined by WMU and Brotherhood to pave the way for the new children's division setup. The complete plan is explained in a leaflet, "Boys and Missions 1970," available free from state WMU and Brotherhood offices.

He succeeds Charles H. Ashcraft, who resigned effective Sept. 1, to become executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention in Little Rock.

During the past 4½ years, Welsh has been associate executive secretary and state secretary of missions for the Utah - Idaho convention.

In addition, he has been business manager, missions stewardship, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors secretary for Utah - Idaho Baptists.

A native of Texas, Welsh is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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# Evaluating The Program Of The 1970's

By J. Harold Stephens, Pastor  
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## I. WHAT IS NEW ABOUT IT?

New terminology:

Woman's Missionary Union—Baptist Women  
Brotherhood—Baptist Men  
YWA'S—Acteens  
Girls Auxiliary—Girls in Action  
Boys Among Sunbeams at age 6  
to be in RA's under Baptist Men  
Ranking system for RA's beginning  
with Crusader I for 6 year olds,  
Crusader II for 7 year olds,  
etc.  
Sunday School Superintendent —  
Sunday School Director  
Baptist Women's President — Director  
Baptist Men's President—Director  
Baptist Training Union — Church  
Training Program (How about  
Christian Development Hour?)

## II. WHAT IS NEW IN GRADING SYSTEM?

Four main divisions with departments under divisions as needed:

Division 1—Preschool, including nursery and beginners, birth to 6.  
Division 2—School age to junior high, 6 to 11.  
Division 3—Youth, junior high through senior high, 12 to 18.  
Division 4—Adults, 18 and up.

## III. WHAT IS NEW IN LITERATURE?

Ultimately the Uniform Lesson series may be replaced with the Life and Work curriculum in Sunday School.

The Sunday School Builder, as such, to be replaced with 4 smaller divisional periodicals.

The Brotherhood quarterly will take on the name of Builder.

## IV. WHAT IS NEW IN PROGRAMMING?

Flexibility is the word — ideas in materials and helps available — going through the line like a cafeteria and selecting what appeals to you and your situation according to size, needs, and interests of the church.

## V. CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON THE BIBLE AS TEXTBOOK AND GUIDE BOOK

The many methods that have proven beneficial in the past;

The same aims, purposes, and objectives summarized in reaching people for Christ and in ministering to them.

An enlarged emphasis on ministering to the whole man which includes certain aspects of the so called social gospel.

## VI. EXAMINATION & EVALUATION

1. Will the program of the 70's win more people to Christ and really make more disciples for Christ?

2. Will it reduce the figure of 1 baptism for every 30 Southern Baptists?

3. Will the program of the 70's result in our people becoming better students of the Bible and really learning and applying the great truths of the Bible?

4. Will the program of the 70's augment and intensify our interest, participation in, and support of missions at home and abroad, the heart of which will be evangelism, to reach the lost?

5. Will the program of the 70's develop a better quality of Christian, more compassionate, more consecrated, more consistent, and more like Christ?

6. Will the program of the 70's weaken the devil's hold in this world with reference to both the saved and the unsaved?

7. Will the program of the 70's lead our people and our churches to acceptance of, and application of the principles of New Testament Christianity and the nature and mission of New Testament churches?

8. Will the program of the 70's lead our people to a great reliance upon, and appropriation of, the resources of Almighty God revealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and through the gospel?

9. Will the program of the 70's lead our people to a greater abandonment of self, and for a more consistent stewardship of all of life?

## VII. CAUTIONS

1. We must be cautious lest, in the time we have launched and promoted the gigantic training program incident to all of the changes and courses involved, both the time and energy of our leaders may be exhausted to the neglect of the great business of the Lord in witnessing to the lost and ministering to those who need our ministry.

2. We must be cautious in leading our people, lest many of them revolt against the hours of training that will be involved in inaugurating the

program of the 70's in a day when they are unwilling to support a January Bible study with the best of teachers available.

3. We must guard against ever permitting the program of the 70's to turn upon ourselves resulting in much movement among ourselves, but no real progress in the Kingdom of God. It will be so easy to drift into spinning our wheels and into floundering and frustration.

4. We must not allow ourselves to believe that many external changes will supply the needed motivation for our people to serve God and will finally be like the mere rearranging of the fat on a fat person with fitted garments that do not remove the excess baggage.

## CONCLUSION

Let us pray that the program of the 70's will accomplish, in a more effective and fruitful manner, what our main task is as Christians, and that all will be for the glory of God. Let the program of the 70's be geared to evangelizing the lost and edifying the saved, and glorifying the Father.

## Montana Young People Win First Place; Send Award Money For Hurricane Relief

The young people of Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Montana, decided that they wanted to undertake a constructive summer project. They built a Crusade of the Americas float to be used in front of the church building for their revival, and also to enter the float in the Northwest Montana Fair.

The float was an asset in the revival, reports the pastor, Rev. Robert E. Wall, and it also earned first place award in the parade.

The \$35.00 award money the float won was turned over to the young people responsible for winning it, to be used as they desired. They asked that the money be sent to a church in Mississippi that had suffered during Hurricane Camille.

Said Pastor Wall, "Those who think that all of today's generation are 'way out' are correct as far as our young people are concerned. They are 'way out' in front of many of us adults in many ways."

## Five Students Are "Enlightened"

(Continued from page 1)

tion are known for desires to voice demands, we wish at this time to be equally vocal in expressing our gratitude," said the students in the letter addressed to the committee.

"We are students," the statement continued. "By this choice we have indicated to all that we realize that we are the novices, the inexperienced.

We are likewise aware of the unique dangers of this level of development.

.. We do not pretend to bring depths of profundity or heights of understanding, but we do strive to express our levels of faith in Christ, our desire to exalt Him, and our commitment to the church."

Several of the students said they were a little distressed by the address of Convention President W. A. Criswell, who urged Baptists who don't accept the convention-adopted statements of faith to leave the denomination and join another church.

"I felt rebuffed as a student by his stand," said Dalton. "I don't necessarily agree, but I don't want to leave.

What upset me was for him to be so rigid and not tolerate any diversity."

Dalton added that he did not like Criswell's implication that all who are working to change the denomination are working to destroy it.

Miss Fowler said that several per-

sons told her afterward they did not agree with the president's statements, but there were many "amens" and there was no opposition to a motion to print the message in the Baptist Program.

Andrews added he was surprised that there was not more verbal reaction, debate and discussion of motions presented during the meeting, although the people present were very open, especially in the subcommittee meetings.

Miss Fowler said she felt the way the committee did its business, by presenting subjects at a general session and the dividing into smaller work groups to prepare recommen-

dations to the full body, was "the only effective way to get anything accomplished."

"It was a real eye-opening experience," she added, saying she wished every Baptist would attend one of the sessions. "Most people don't know the full function and work of the Executive Committee," she said.

Eight of the students expressed appreciation for the open, friendly way they were received.

Dalton, who wears a beard, told the full committee: "I have to admit that my beard arouses different reactions, but I want to thank you for taking me as a person and not just a hairy face."

## NORDENHAUG MEMORIAL FUND WILL ADVANCE BAPTIST WORLD GOALS

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance here established a "Josef Nordenhaug Memorial Fund" following his death on Sept. 18.

Nordenhaug had been general secretary of the alliance since 1960 and had planned to retire in July, 1970. The memorial fund began when Mrs. Nordenhaug requested friends to make gifts to the alliance rather than send flowers to the funeral.

Carl W. Tiller, alliance treasurer, announced following the funeral on Sept. 22 that a special fund had been established to receive memorial gifts. Receipts will be used for whatever alliance objective the Nordenhaug family may designate later.

The Baptist World Alliance exists for the advancement of fellowship, service and cooperation among 30 million Baptists in 122 countries.

## RADIO-TV COMMISSION Program Guide

Please clip and save this convenient guide to programs produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. Station listings and times of broadcasts are the latest and most accurate at publication time.

### RADIO

**THE BAPTIST HOUR** — A 30-minute modified worship service featuring Dr. Herschel Hobbs.

**"MASTERCONTROL"** — A 30-minute variety inspirational program for the entire family.

**MUSIC TO REMEMBER** — A 15-minute program of time-tested religious music.

**OMNISCOPE** — A 30-minute variety program designed exclusively for college campus radio stations.

**MANNING IN THE MORNING** — A 4½-minute devotional designed as a station "sign-on."

**RELIGIOUS NEWS PROGRAMS** — A 5-minute program provided for the individual stations upon request.

**POWERHOUSE** — A 30-minute popular music program with tips on contemporary life for teenagers.

### TELEVISION

**THE ANSWER** — A 30-minute color television series featuring both dramatic and documentary films.

**JOT** — A 4½-minute animated color cartoon series for children five to ten years of age. 40 stations.

**DR. THEODORE ADAMS' "SPOTS"** — Sixty inspirational spots. 60-seconds and 20-seconds in length.

### MASTERCONTROL

**WMPA ABERDEEN** SA 5:30P  
**WJNB BROOKHAVEN** SA 9:00A

**WNGC CANTON** SU 10:30A

**WNGC COLUMBIA** SU 10:30A

**WNRC COLUMBUS** SU 10:00A

**WROA GULFPORT** SU 12:30P

**WNGC HATTIESBURG** SU 8:30A

**WNGC MCLEOD** SU 8:30A

**WNGC MCNEIL** SU 8:30A

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## The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper  
Of Any Kind In Mississippi  
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

## No Gambling Needed

We could hardly believe our eyes when we read in the public press that suggestions were being made that legalized gambling be approved for the Gulf Coast, to aid it in its recovery from the devastation of Camille.

Even more startling was the fact that some people were approving this suggestion, among them, some coast leaders.

However, we were made glad when we saw that other coast leaders, and it seemed to be a majority voice, were strongly opposing any such idea.

We can be sure that the gambling and underworld elements will be behind this move, and that they will not relax until they have done everything possible to make the coast another Las Vegas.

If there is anything that we do not need in Mississippi, it is legalized gambling, or any other kind of gambling. Not only is there a moral issue involved, so that every Christian must oppose gambling if he is following the principles of Christ, but also an economic issue very definitely is there. The only way that gambling can prosper is to take money from legitimate channels and out of the pockets of people who cannot afford to lose it.

Money that should be spent for

food and clothes and children's shoes, as well as many other needs, instead will go into the pockets of underworld characters. Moreover, losing at gambling, and gambling could not exist if there were not losing, always is accompanied by broken homes, mental breakdowns and suicides. These are ignored, or covered up, but always they are there.

Moreover, Mississippi does not need the kind of tourist trade that would be attracted by legalized gambling. There are so many other people who have loved the coast area, for its beauty and the recreational opportunities which it afforded, who would shun the coast if it became the mecca of the racketeering element, and their followers. The coast can recover, and it will recover, and it does not need this element to help it do so.

Christians of Mississippi, and all other right thinking citizens, should make their opposition to this proposal, so clear and loud that it will be heard by every legislator, every law enforcement officer and agency, and by the Governor.

**WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT  
LEGALIZED GAMBLING OR  
ANY OTHER KIND OF GAMBLING,  
IN MISSISSIPPI!**

## Citations For Many

The SBC Executive Committee meeting in Nashville last week, presented Citations to three Gulf Coast ministers, Larry Rohrman, pastor First Church, Biloxi, John Taylor, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, and J. W. Bristor, Superintendent of Missions for the Gulf Coast Association. These "citations" were for their heroic action and leadership during and after recent Hurricane Camille.

It was made clear in the resolutions adopted by the Committee that these citations were not only in recognition of these three men, but also of them, as representatives of every other pastor and layman and woman who had acted in a similar manner during the disaster period.

In accepting the citations the men made clear that they could accept them only on the basis that they were simply representative of the hosts of other pastors, and people in all of the churches, whose work and services never could all be fully told.

We salute all of these people. It is because of them that recovery already has begun on the Gulf Coast, and will continue until normalcy returns.

## The Baptist Press

Mississippi Baptists are more appreciative of the Southern Baptist "press" than ever before in their history.

Never has a single group in Southern Baptist life been more generous in its support of a state and its people in a time of need. The Baptist press gave its best in its reports and action concerning Hurricane Camille.

This is true of the official Baptist news agency, "Baptist Press" in Nashville, where W. C. Fields and Jim Newton have given so much time and space to the story. Mr. Newton came to the Mississippi Coast area and spent two days surveying the damage, interviewing pastors, leaders, and people and photographing the area. He then returned to Nashville and sent out several press releases on the hurricane damaged area and its

needs, as well as a number of splendid photographs which he had taken. We are grateful to him, and to Dr. Fields, who is Public Relations Director of the SBC, and director of Baptist Press, for sending him to Mississippi, and then sending out all of the releases.

Equally deserving of our appreciation are the editors and staffs of the many state Baptist papers published by Southern Baptists. As far as we know, every state paper (there are 28 of them) carried pictures and stories of Camille damage, and a number of the editors urged their readers to share in the offerings for aid to the churches. How generous all of these men have been with the space in their papers.

For all Mississippi Baptists we say, "Thank you, Baptist press, for the job you have done, which has been so helpful, and has encouraged us so much!"

## Not True Picture

The New York Times, in its Sunday Magazine for August 30, carried a story of Southern Baptists, which while factual in some areas, actually was most misleading in others, presenting them as an ignorant and unlearned people.

It is tragic that those who dis-

tinguish cannot present a fair and true picture of them. Of course, there are some ignorant leaders, and a few illiterate among us, but even these persons who love God and

are seeking to do His will. By and large, however, Southern Baptists will measure up well with any evangelical group in America or the world. No group has provided for a stronger educational program for its people and leadership, and no group is carrying on a more far-reaching program in Christian witness today.

If the New York Times wants a true picture of Southern Baptists, perhaps it had better send a more objective and less prejudiced writer to get the story.

## THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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## NEWEST BOOKS

**HOW TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR TEENS** by W. W. Orr (Scripture Press, 35 cents, paperback, 32 pp.)

A Christian guidance book that will be helpful in fostering better relationships between parents and teen-agers.

**CHRIST MANIFESTED** by John Fletcher (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, \$1.00, 96 pp.)

This book is a reprint. The author was a preacher and college president in England in the 18th century during the time of "The Evangelical Awakening." He was a contemporary of George Whitefield and John and Charles Wesley. This book contains his six letters on "The Spiritual Manifestations of the Son of God."

**BILLY BRAY, THE KING'S SON** by F. W. Bourne (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, \$1, 124 pp.)

This is a reprint, the story of Billy Bray, an Englishman born in 1794. After this man's conversion, he became "one of the most potent agents for God and righteousness, ever known. His words, his tones, his looks, had a magnetic power." His favorite saying was "I am the son of a King."

**LEARNING FOR LOVING** by Robert McFarland and John Burton (Zondervan, 158 pp., \$3.95)

This new book stresses the importance of communication in the marriage relationship. The authors present illustrative case histories of marriages which were in trouble, to show the practical value of the counsel they provide in this volume. They also present, in clear-cut fashion, Biblical solutions to typical marriage problems.

**THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH** by S. M. Lockridge (Zondervan, 64 pp., paper, 95c)

The subtitle reads "Provocative Discussions of Vital Modern Issues." The Negro pastor from Los Angeles who brought one of the most effective messages at the recent Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, preaches on several modern issues. The ability of this preacher to paint word pictures, and to find God's truth in the common things about him, is clearly illustrated in these messages. This is Bible based, spiritually effective preaching.

**I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES** by Kathryn Kuhlman (Prentice Hall, 26 pp., \$3.50)

**GOD CAN DO IT AGAIN** by Kathryn Kuhlman (Prentice Hall, 256 pp., \$4.95)

Amazing stories of miracles in the ministry of Kathryn Kuhlman, an ordained Baptist woman minister in Pittsburgh, Pa., and in Los Angeles, and other places. She not only preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, teaching people that their greatest need is to be born again, but also proclaims the healing power of God, and holds healing services. From the testimonies in these books it is evident that the Lord has given her some special power in the area of healing. In the *I Believe* book the author tells of how that she came to this healing ministry, and how that it is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit only who does the healing. The story of the healing experience of many different people is told. The books are amazing, startling, and challenging. We suggest that you read them and be your own judge about their message. They reveal the power of God, and give all the glory to God.

**ME — A MIRROR** written by Joyce L. Gibson, illustrated by Richard Mideck (Scripture Press, 36 pages, \$1.00)

A small book of tract size, on Christian living. "A little book for boys and girls who have been born into God's family." Shows how that Christians are "mirrors" reflecting Christ in their lives.

## Quiet Talks

ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

## Maker Of Stairs

Some of you will remember the apocryphal story of the workers on a cathedral. An enquirer asked one man what he was doing and received the reply, "I am digging a hole." From another, "I am hauling away dirt." From a third, "I am hauling stone." From a fourth workman, he received the wonderful reply, "I am helping to build a cathedral!" Four men working on the same project, but only one of them had the feeling of nobility in his heart: his attitude toward his work turned his heavy responsibility from drudgery to joy!

### Determining Attitudes

I met a man whose radiant face indicated a peace of mind and a joy of living. When I inquired of his work, he replied with a smile, "I am a stairmaker." Then he told me of his lifetime work in building stairs for residences and of his feeling that he had helped humanity to climb to higher levels more easily. His attitude toward his work gave a rich meaning to what otherwise could have been a "job for a living."

An English street-sweeper told me that he felt his mission to be making his city more attractive. A West Coast shoe-shine man calls his shoeshine stand a SHINE-ORIUM. An Eastern garbage collector does his work with a song and tells inquirers that he is helping God to keep his world clean! A Mid-western house-keeper feels that she is keeping "her little world"

in order for the greater happiness of husband and children, so that as they turn homeward each day, they will do so with happy anticipation.

### Change Needed?

If your present work as a full-time position, or as an after-school job, or in a money-earning work to make your way through college, is dull, spirit-wilting, and depressing, why not take another look at your work—this time through a lively imagination and an intelligent dedication? With this combination of imagination and dedication a janitor becomes a "building custodian," a dish-washer becomes a "cleaning engineer," a paper-boy becomes a "news merchant," an elevator operator becomes an "elevator aide," a bootblack becomes a "foot psychologist," a switchboard operator becomes a "conversation engineer," and you—however humble your task may be—can become a happy, expert, sunshine-dispenser.

**THE TRANSFORMING EFFECT OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS WORK IS ONE OF THE MIRACLES OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT! I DARE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR WORK IF THAT ATTITUDE IS NOT HAPPY. YOU'LL SEE AND FEEL THE DIFFERENCE. . . . AND SO WILL EVERYBODY AROUND YOU!**

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## EDUCATION

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

## ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

### Good News

**NASHVILLE** — Never have Baptist colleges been in as good a financial position as today. Although the times call for a realistic look at today's challenges and complexities, perhaps too many negative things have been said regarding the involvements of Baptists in Christian higher education.

The book value of Baptist higher education physical plants has increased in the last ten years from \$207 million to \$474 million. These plants have never been in as good repair, and new and useful buildings are sprinkled across every campus. Twelve of the 73 plants are completely new within the past decade or two. All of these buildings are not fully paid for but are amortized into the annual budgets.

Endowments have more than doubled from \$74 million to \$150 million.

The number of annual graduates has jumped from 10,000 to 14,592. The total enrollment has moved from 67,000 to 105,000. Of these, 8,017 are ministerial students and 6,011 are preparing for another kind of church-related vocations. Ministerial students and others interested in church-related vocations have increased on Baptist campuses generally for the first time in the past ten years.

Baptists need to understand the significance of these factors in order to grasp the bright future of Christian higher education.

### State Helps Pay Private Fees

The Iowa legislature has passed a law providing state tuition grants for students in private colleges and universities.

The law allows grants of up to \$1,000 for Iowa students at private four-year institutions. The amount of each grant will depend on financial need, and in all cases the student must pay the first \$400 of his tuition.

The law is designed to help offset the difference in tuition between private and state institutions. Iowa has three state universities and 28 private institutions.

Father to son at college: "If you burn your draft card, I'll burn my checkbook."

Mr. Weldon Cox, Tennessee's deputy commissioner of corrections, recently called the death penalty "the most dramatic symbol of barbarism" in the nation's domestic life. "To remove it would be to sound a resounding stroke for civilization," Mr. Cox told a civic club. "Taking a life is immoral and criminal any way you look at it." He also cited some figures for those who believe the death penalty is a deterrent to violent crime. Wisconsin and Minnesota, which no longer use capital punishment, had murder rates of 1.9 and 1.6 per 100,000 population in the same year. And Tennessee had a murder rate of 8.9 per 100,000 population in the same year.

Tennessee had almost four times as many aggravated assaults as either of the state. (Editorial, *Nashville Tennessean*, 7-26-69)

Mrs. William Idelson lives in what she describes as a "comfortable, suburban neighborhood" in the Los Angeles area. Her husband is a television writer. They have four "privileged and indulged" children. The Idelson family has decided to go on welfare for a week. Instead of ham, steak, and milk, they will sit down to meals of pigs' feet, neck bones, and Kool-Aid. Where Mrs. Idelson normally spends \$75-\$80 a week for groceries, she will spend \$25. "My kids already are asking why we have to do it. They say they're going to stuff themselves Sunday night so they won't be hungry all week," she said. Their family and an estimated 100 others in the Los Angeles area will be participating in "Welfare Budget Week," sponsored by the Los Angeles County Welfare Rights Organization. She said, "Living on welfare is not an easy thing" and added that although the welfare budget week will not duplicate all the conditions of life for a welfare family, it will "reach middle-income concerned citizens and help them to understand the realities of the public welfare system and all its inadequacies." (By William Endicott, *Los Angeles Times-Washington Post Service*, 7-27-69)

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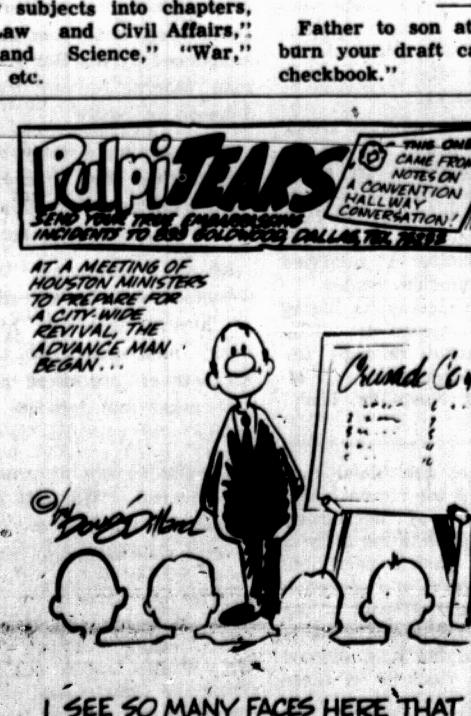
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## Dramatic Warning About Smoking Filmed For Community Groups; True Story Stars Richard Boone

An anti-smoking movie based on a dramatic true story has been filmed for free-loan use by community groups and employee audiences.

"The Mark Waters Story" recreates the heartbreaking but heroic drama of a newspaperman who wrote his own obituary while dying of lung cancer. His by-lined story reached millions of readers throughout the world when it was reprinted by Reader's Digest and other publications.

It began with this memorable statement: "Cigarettes were the death of me."

Richard Boone, the star of screen and television ("Palladin"), volunteered his services to direct the film and play the role of Mark Waters.

"He really believed in this story," says the film's executive producer, Cliff Eblen. "His total immersion in his role was fantastic. He wasn't just acting. He was Mark Waters." During the filming of a farewell scene, Boone broke up and the crew had to stop shooting.

So strong is the emotional impact of the film, keyed by Boone's thoroughly believable performance, that all promotional literature carries the line "not appropriate for children."

The 25-minute 16 mm-sound color film is available on free loan to such groups as PTA's, churches, men's and women's clubs, hospital auxiliaries, health associations and employee audiences.

Waters began his obituary five days before his death and made final corrections only 10 hours before the end. It appeared in his newspaper, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, on the day he died: February 1, 1968.

"Whether this story will stop anyone from smoking," he wrote, "I don't know. I doubt it."

But Mark Waters had no idea how far-reaching his inspiration would be.

The film was produced by educational television station KHET in Honolulu. The Hawaiian setting became an integral part of the film, with Waters' tragic illness counterpointed

against his idyllic life in the islands. KHET was assisted by funds from the U.S. Public Health Service and the Hawaiian Inter-Agency Council on Smoking and Health. The Public Health Service is also sponsoring the distribution.

Requests for playdates of "The

**MC Coed**

### Fifth Generation Brazilian Baptist

When it comes to Baptist heritage, there are probably not many college students who can claim the background of a coed at Mississippi College, Priscila de Oliveira, a fifth generation Baptist from Brazil.

Interest in the Baptist religion began with Miss Oliveira's paternal great-grandfather. Pedro Gomes was a poor, uneducated farmer in the city of Rio de Janeiro, who once welcomed a Baptist missionary into his home. Through discussions with the missionary the whole family was converted. Gomes, with the help of his family and friends, established the First Baptist Church of Rio, the largest Baptist church in Brazil.

Later, Miss Oliveira's grandfather, Jona Caetano de Oliveira, was converted. He had left his family at an early age and moved to the town of Padica, where law had not been developed. He and his group of men created their own type of law, with Oliveira being the acting sheriff. An American missionary named Crossland came to visit the people and was the first non-Catholic to ever speak in the town. Oliveira and his band of men planned to kill the missionary; but, after listening to his discussions, the raiders were converted. The men joined the missionary to help spread the gospel and build mu-

nicipal churches throughout the country. Many are still in existence.

Oliveira's wife, Alvina, was reared in a Christian family and was baptized in the river that ran beside the town of Padica. The baptism of Priscila's grandmother was the first ever to be recorded. Soon after this event, the festivities for the annual town carnival began. One of the highlights presented in the carnival was a mockery of the baptism. During this ceremony the man performing the baptism tripped and the woman fell into the river and drowned. Through this act the townsmen developed a respect for the religious rite and many were converted.

About the same time Priscila's grandmother was being baptized, her maternal grandfather, Luiz Pinto, was living in the town of Macae. An American missionary named Solomon Ginsburg came to the area to preach and a group of men captured him. They were in the process of torturing Ginsburg when Pinto arrived and stopped them.

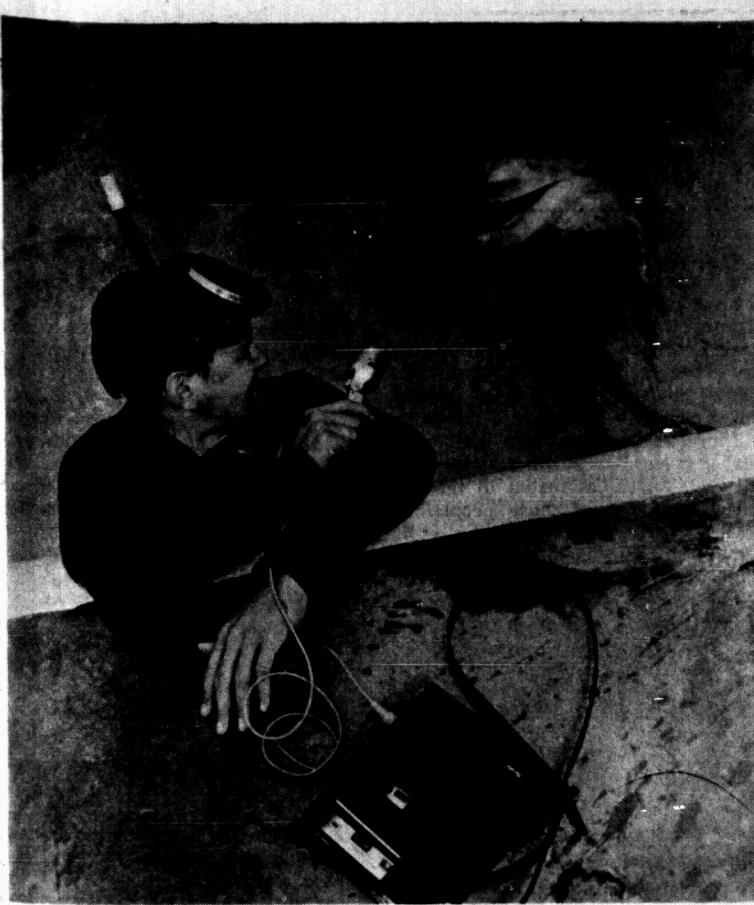
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Miss Oliveira's grandparents handed the strong Baptist belief to her parents, Celso and Alice Neves de Oliveira, both of whom are lawyers in Brazil. Mrs. de Oliveira not only practices law in the city of Rio de Janeiro, but throughout Brazil.

Despite her busy schedule as a lawyer, she has worked in her church since the time she was eleven years of age. She is a member of the church pastored by Rev. Joao Soren, the former president of the Baptist World Alliance. For the past 20 years Mrs. de Oliveira has been the president of the Ladies' Society and counselor of the Young Women's Auxiliary of the church.

As a lawyer, Mr. de Oliveira has served as the judicial advisor for the Brazilian government in the field of social security and was an officer in the Brazilian Army. He is also a well-known evangelical poet and musician.

Miss de Oliveira will carry on the family tradition. She came to Mississippi College on the recomme-



### A Word From Flipper

"MasterControl" reporter Jim Rupe "interviews" the famed dolphin Flipper in his tank at Marineland of the Pacific — Los Angeles for program to be aired the weekend of October 12. Flipper, the famed bottlenose dolphin that stars in the TV show of the same name, will be the featured "guest" on the "MasterControl" radio program scheduled for the October 12 weekend. Rupe will talk with Flipper's trainer.

## Japanese Christians Protest Shrine Bill

Increasing numbers of Protestants and Roman Catholics in Japan are publicly demonstrating disapproval of a bill before the Japanese Diet (governing body similar to the U.S. Congress) which would restore state support for Shrine Shinto, reports Rev. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary.

He took the missionary into his home and through conversations with him, Pinto and his Catholic family were converted to the Baptist religion.

Shinto, the indigenous religion of Japan, was legally divided into Shrine Shinto and Sect Shinto in 1882. Shrine Shinto, with more than 100,000 shrines, was intended to enhance the glory of the state and foster worship of the Emperor. Its disestablishment as a state cult in 1945 was one of the acts of the postwar Allied Occupation. The new constitution, adopted in 1947, prohibited separation of government and religion.

Japanese Baptists were among the earliest opponents of the bill, which calls for nationalization of Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, where Japan's war dead are enshrined. If it becomes law, Mr. Grant says, it probably will

be followed by nationalization of the Meiji Shrine, also in Tokyo, and the Great Shrine of Ise, at Ujiyamada, sacred to the legendary Sun Goddess and to the ancestors of the Imperial Family.

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dation of her aunt, Silvia Villaca, a graduate of the school. She is working toward a major in languages, hoping some day to work in an embassy.

Although it was her aunt who recommended the college, Miss de Oliveira is at Mississippi College under the guidance of Dr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City. Dr. Cooper, an industrialist, is a leader in Mississippi and Southern Baptist circles.

Mississippi churches reported on their annual letter in 1968 a total music enrollment of 60,316, an increase of 3,425 over 1967 — the largest increase in any state of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of the 1,888 churches in Mississippi, 1,131 or 59.9% reported music enrollment of at least 1 person in the music column of the annual letter. This is the highest number of churches to report. However, 755 churches did not report any music enrollment in 1968.

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A GROUP OF BAPTIST LEADERS meet in Parana, Brazil. William L. Smith, missionary from Centreville, Mississippi, is third from the right. The state evangelistic secretary, Mr. Prevedelo, is first from the left.

## MISSISSIPPIAN IS COORDINATOR FOR CRUSADE IN PARANA, BRAZIL

By Sistie Givens  
FMB Press Representative  
Parana, Brazil

More than 300 people accepted Christ as Saviour in the simultaneous evangelistic meetings held in the North Association in Parana, Brazil in May. Missionary William L. Smith of Centreville, Mississippi, was coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas in his association, which has 22 Baptist churches.

William and Carolyn Smith, appointed as missionaries to Brazil in 1963, have lived in Londrina, Parana since beginning their work in Brazil.

In the crusade effort, Missionary Bill Smith worked closely with the state evangelism secretary, Altair Prevedelo.

On April 30, the churches met together in the largest meeting in the history of the association. A fervent spirit was felt as the people sang, prayed and prepared for the "kick-off" of the Crusade the next day.

May 1 is Labor Day in Brazil, therefore, the Baptists could dedicate that day to the Crusade without missing work. A parade five blocks long went through the downtown area of Londrina. Colorful flags representing the three Americas passed the spectators followed by the pastors of the churches in the association. Lovely girls dressed in costumes typical of the different countries followed close behind. There are floats representing the various types of Baptist work.

A spectator heard a Catholic priest comment as the parade passed by him: "I've never seen a parade so well organized and effective as the Baptists are doing today." This didn't happen by coincidence.

Baptists are privileged to have a

Baptist mayor of the city of Londrina, Dr. Dalton Fonseca Paranaqua. Brazil being a strongly Catholic dominated country it is unusual for a Baptist to achieve this position in the city government. Dr. Paranaqua has proven himself as a medical doctor, then he was appointed Secretary of Health for the State of Parana. When the Catholic governor invited him to this position, he answered: "Sir, I can't give you an answer today. I'll have to pray about it." "Pray about it!" exclaimed the Governor, "I've never heard of anyone praying about a job!" Dr. Paranaqua, as mayor, asked all the departments of the city government to cooperate in every possible way for the Crusade parade.

Everything didn't work smoothly in the preparation and carrying out of the Crusade. Communication is difficult in that area due to the lack of telephones and mail delaying even to the point of not being delivered. The Crusade committee was depending on using radio programs as the main means of contact with the Baptist people. A contract was prepared and was ready to be signed for special programs. Just as it was to be signed, Missionary Smith was notified that it had been canceled! A new director of the radio station had just arrived and he cancelled the contract. This means of publicity was impossible: Other evangelical contracts also were canceled without explanation. Many felt this was persecution from a Catholic station director. One station offered broadcast time at 6:30 a.m. at an expensive rate. The committee knew this hour was inconvenient and it would be a waste of hard earned and sacrificial money for the Crusade cause.

Missionary Carolyn Smith had a similar experience. She went to the supermarket a few days after the parade. As she selected her groceries a young man of about twenty stopped her and asked how to buy rice. He was a first year medical student living with four other medical students. It was his time to buy the food for the group. Mrs. Smith asked if he had seen the parade on May 1. He said he had been in the "praca" and was quite impressed with the program. He especially enjoyed the music provided by a women's quartet. He has a Catholic background but as he said, "I follow the philosophy of Jesus Christ." Mrs. Smith explained briefly what the Bible teaches about salvation and invited him to their home and to their church. Another door opened to witness!

## And Lepers Too!

By Z. Don Reece  
Missionary  
Nigeria

I walked into the small, mud-walled room, dark and dank and reeking with the stench of death. My eyes were drawn to the motionless form on an upraised pad of earth which served as a bed. I followed the choppy, shuffling steps of the pastor to the bedside and stood gazing in disbelief while he greeted the man and announced my presence. Large, bleary eyes, deep in their sockets, met my gaze, and a wisp of a smile played momentarily around the mouth, but it was soon replaced by a wince of pain as he attempted to offer me his hand.

The pastor said, "It's leprosy, but mostly he's starving to death." I could easily have placed my finger between his ribs, and his abdomen was only a cavity.

This experience in the Mid-Western State of Nigeria, three months after the onset of the Nigerian crisis in 1967, was the beginning of a ministry of hope, healing, and salvation to 60 persons living in "Segregation Village" and to more than 200 outpatients. With a Southern Baptist missionary nurse, Mrs. Urban L. Green, we were able to go daily for several weeks, soaking, cleansing, trimming, and bandaging the hand-sized ulcers of these "forgotten ones."

How much we learned! How thankful for compassionate hearts — for we did not serve because we were qualified but because of indiscriminate need. We learned that the best medicine for the "forgotten ones" is to be remembered.

The number of Christians in that village doubled in four months. The Holy Spirit honored the Word by giving saving faith to some and healing to others. Not long ago I took Owva, the sick, starving man of my first visit, back to live with his people. What a day of rejoicing! (He will continue to receive treatment as an outpatient.)

Now there is a problem — how to baptize the new converts who had forbidden to go near a stream! We are working on it together. The believers are digging a little pit beside the chapel in the village, and as soon as God sends the first gully washer of the rainy season they will obey the Master, who included lepers too!

It is usually the rich that say to the poor, "Be of good cheer."

There is never any traffic congestion on the straight and narrow road.

Thursday, October 2, 1969

## Oct. 16 Religious Nurture Workshop Planned For Workers With Mentally Retarded Persons

Mrs. Doris Monroe of Nashville, Tennessee, who is a specialist in work with the mentally retarded, will participate in Religious Nurture Workshop for those who work with, or are interested in the religious development of mentally retarded persons. This one-day workshop will be held in the new Convention Hall in West Point, on October 16.

Planned by the Mississippi Association for the Mentally Retarded, the

sessions will be under the leadership of its Chairman of Religious Nurture, Mrs. Delmer Edwards of West Point, and her committee. The Mississippi Training Union Department joins the Association in the promotion of this endeavor.

Those invited and urged to attend are pastors and educational directors of churches, workers with and parents of mentally retarded persons, and any others interested in the religious education of these people.

Mrs. Monroe will have a booth, displaying all available materials Baptists have concerning this work at the present time. She will be in the booth in the afternoon to discuss

with those in attendance these materials and the present ministry. The night session will be a banquet featuring Mrs. Monroe as a speaker.

Mrs. Monroe is consultant in the ministry of exceptional persons of the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, SBC. She serves as a leader of conferences throughout the Convention and at Glorietta, New Mexico, and Ridgecrest, North Carolina Baptist assemblies. Mrs. Monroe is co-author of *The Primary Leadership Manual*, author of *The Broadman book, When Marcia Goes To Church*, and editor of materials for use in church programs for the mentally retarded.



Paul Harrell, associate secretary of the Brotherhood department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, participated recently in the First National Royal Ambassador Camping Conference.

## Harrell Attends 1st National Royal Ambassador Camping

Brotherhood leaders from nine states attended the September 14-17 meeting conducted at an associational camp outside Memphis, Tennessee.

Ropecraft, woodcraft, leathercraft, and nature study took up much of the morning and afternoon schedules. One session also reviewed the use of map and compass.

The primary purpose of the conference was to stimulate increased use of mission materials in Royal Ambassador camping. In addition to the various crafts demonstrations, opportunities were provided for participants to share their camping experiences with each other.

The conference was sponsored by the Royal Ambassador Department of the Brotherhood Commission, Mem-

phis. Frank Black, a consultant on the Commission staff, served as conference coordinator.

### Homecoming At Temple, N.O.

Rev. Charles Anderson, pastor of Temple Church, New Orleans, has announced that Dr. Wilbur Swartz, professor of speech at New Orleans Seminary will be the featured speaker for a special afternoon service to be held in connection with Homecoming Day, October 26. Temple Church, with facilities located at 3907 Iroquois St. in New Orleans, extends an invitation to all friends and former members to be on hand for the morning worship, a covered dish luncheon, and for the afternoon service which is to begin at 1:30 p.m.

### Hospital Announces Open House Plans: "Healthy Baby Week"

Visitors will have an opportunity to visit the obstetrical ward of Mississippi Baptist Hospital Sunday, October 5, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., as part of the observance of "Healthy Baby Week" October 5-11 as proclaimed by Mayor Russell Davis.

Those making the tour will see new equipment providing the best in baby care, including the Bill Light, designed to "remove the tan" left in babies by certain types of jaundice in the newborn, as well as lights which warm the newborn to prevent a temperature drop in air-conditioned rooms.

The hospital also is providing instruction for the Red Cross Mother and Baby Care classes held three times each year.

### Revival Dates

Hickory Church: Oct. 5-10; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Clarke Emmanuel Church, Decatur, evangelist; Dallas Raborn, Hattiesburg; singer; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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A native of Hebron, Mr. Pickering

is a graduate of Jones County Junior College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. Since 1967 he has served First Church of Ellisville as minister of music and education. He has also served First Church, Taylorsville, and First, Geneva, Alabama. He taught Old Testament in the Bible department in the Jones Junior College during 1968-69.

Mrs. Pickering, the former Marilyn McRay, is a native of Laurel. The Pickering's are parents of two children, Delia, 8, and Neal, 6. Mrs. Pickering has served as the kindergarten director for the Ellisville church.

"The outlook for witnessing through radio and television is bright," says Rev. Dale G. Hooper, Southern Baptist missionary director of the new Baptist communications center in Nairobi, Kenya. The center, with offices and studios valued at \$55,000, was formally opened and dedicated August 23 in a service in front of the building.

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### The Lesson Explained

**REHOBOAM'S DECISION** (vv. 12-20)

Solomon's luxurious court had required forced labor, oppressive taxation, and heartless measures of administration. When Solomon died and Rehoboam succeeded to the throne, the young king could not assume the crown at Jerusalem but went to Shechem for this purpose. The assembly was really a protest meeting. Representatives of the tribes told Rehoboam that, if he would lighten the yoke and measures of oppression, they would serve him as king. Jeroboam had returned from Egypt and was now the leader of the protest group. Rehoboam sought counsel from older men, who advised moderation and consideration for the people. But he accepted the counsel of younger men, who advised hardhearted indifference to the grievances and severe measures of oppression. Rehoboam made the foolish decision, which showed his incompetence and pride. The die was cast. The people of the Northern tribes rejected Rehoboam, who fled back to Jerusalem and reigned over the people of Judah. Jeroboam quickly succeeded in becoming king over Israel.

**JEROBOAM'S COURSE** (vv. 28-29)

Jeroboam was a person of initiative and strength. He recognized the strong ties of the people of the Northern tribes with the Temple in Jerusalem. Therefore, he quickly devised a plan to build centers of worship in Dan and Bethel. His concern was political rather than religious. Even so, he corrupted the worship of the Israelites in three ways: he set up golden calves at the two points, made priests of those who were not of the tribe of Levi, and established the harvest feast at a time contrary to the instructions of the Mosaic law. While Jeroboam was not seeking to turn the people from the worship of Jehovah, the erection of the golden calves was a direct violation of the Second Commandment and opened the way for the degrading practices of idolatry.

**ISRAEL'S DESTINY**

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### Truths to Live By

**Despotic power overreaches itself.**—When we take the long look at history, we learn that persons who possess power must sooner or later be responsible for the exercise of power.

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## Highland Plans

### Noteburning, Dedication

Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor of Highland Church, Route 2 Dennis, announces that on Sunday, October 5, the church will have a noteburning and dedication service for the purpose of dedicating to God and his kingdom work. The educational building, the central heating and air conditioning units, and the new church library.

The church in the September business meeting voted to pay off the entire church debt, leaving the church completely debt free.

All members, previous members, friends of the church, and the public have an invitation to attend the all-day services, which will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served, and the special dedication service will begin at 1:30.

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**The process by which the universe has come to be is seen in the rest of Genesis 1.** The earth was without form, and void. The language of the Hebrew writer suggests that the Spirit of God — the agent of creation-brought over the earth like mother hen setting on eggs until the embryo hatched. The earth was changed from void, without form, darkness, and flooded conditions, to land with shape, light, dry land, etc. God was responsible for all of this change and in the end he saw it as good. God was pleased with his work.

**In the creation story there is another word used for the creation process — made.** "And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night." Gen. 1:16. When God made something he used material that already existed to form different things. This is different from creation.

**The Creator is not only strong but he is personal.** Isaiah points out in Isaiah 40:21-28 that God is still interested in the world and will bring to destruction those who oppose righteousness. God who is sovereign is far above men but from the beginning

## The Eternal Creator

By Bill Duncan  
Gen. 1:1-5; 2:1-3

We sat on the edge of our chairs on Christmas and heard the astronauts read the creation story from their orbit around the moon. This historical flight will go down as one of the greatest events in the history of mankind, but to hear the reading of God's word from the moon was something else. This brought to me a new interest in the creation story. This will help us to begin a new unit of study on "Basic Truths about God, man and the world." Man is trying to understand God, himself and his world in light of a new scientific age. Life has truly lost meaning for so many. An author has said, "The world is vast; and man is a lonely atom, a condemned prisoner in a cell called the universe."

The Bible does not try to prove God in any way. The Bible is written with an assumption that the reader believes in God. However, the key to understanding and faith in God is found in the first verse. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The writer is not trying to explain creation in any scientific language or terms and we should not read into this more than what is said. If one can accept this statement as truth about God creating the heavens and the earth, then there is nothing in the Bible that cannot be accepted.

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The Creator is not only strong but he is personal. Isaiah points out in Isaiah 40:21-28 that God is still interested in the world and will bring to destruction those who oppose righteousness. God who is sovereign is far above men but from the beginning

men have known that he " calleth them all by names." Isaiah asks the question, "why sayest thou O Jacob, my way is hid from the Lord?" There is nothing that man does that God does not know about. He is very strong in His ways because he never gets weary in what he is doing. This is so different from man. God is the strong creator and the personal God of all men.

God is in complete control of the universe. He is active in sustaining the creation. Col. 1:16-17 tells us that Christ was involved in creation "and by him all things consist." He not only controls the laws of nature but the eternal creator has the power to control even men, if he so chooses. This is wonderful because he knows our needs, has the power to meet our needs and the love to want the best for all men.

When we learn that our universe is made up of many galaxies much larger than our own, that there are stars beyond the reach of the most powerful telescope, we understand that we have a powerful God and a big God. He must be greater than His creation. Science with all of its discoveries only magnifies the greatness of God.

## Japan Convention Adds Nine Churches

In its 23rd annual meeting, held in mid-summer at Amagi Sanso, the Japan Baptist Convention accepted nine new churches, five of them in the Tokyo area, bringing its total number of churches, missions, and preaching stations to about 300, reports Rev. Worth C. Grant, missionary press representative for the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). Amagi Sanso is the Japanese Baptist assembly, located in the Amagi mountains on the Izu Peninsula.



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## Devotional

## Triumph Through Trials

James 1:1-11

By Harold T. Bryson, Pastor First, Carthage

The purpose of being a Christian is the production of a personality into the likeness of Jesus Christ. This production is not accomplished in a vacuum, but it is accomplished in the daily experiences of life. It takes a lifetime to achieve a Christian character. One of the major emphases of the epistle of James is the art of Christian attainment. Let us notice some observations that James makes in referring to the trials of daily living.

First, trials are manifold. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptation" (James 1:2). The word "divers" does not convey the meaning of the Greek word *polein*. One translation has "different types of" temptations. The trials which James speaks may be manifold. These trials could be sorrow in death of a relative or friend, an illness, a financial adversity, a great disappointment, or any human annoyance. Trials come in various shapes, forms, and descriptions. They are manifold.

Because trials come in various expressions, these experiences need to be mastered. All of the disappointments, griefs, sorrows, annoyances, hardships, illnesses, unpopularities, and persecutions need to be mastered. Trials can be mastered through an attitude. "Count it joy when ye fall into divers temptations." The Christian has a changed perspective of life; therefore, he can meet the vicissitudes of life with Christian joy. Trials can be mastered through asking God "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and unbraidth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.

A third observation which James gives in the matter of trials is that when trials are properly mastered they will be meaningful. Great Christian lives are made through trials. One meaningful result of the master of trials is proving the genuineness of faith in God. James concludes that our action during the experiences of trouble will prove our faith. Furthermore, trials produce patience. Patience is not a calm resignation to the variegated experiences of life, but patience is a steadfastness. Another meaningful experience of trials is Christian maturity. "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:4). Learning the mastery of trials in the school of life will grow spiritual giants.

What is your trial? The various trials are too numerous to be mentioned. However, no experience is so large that it cannot be mastered with Jesus Christ. There can be triumph through trial.

## Missionary Dies

Mrs. Sarah Gayle Parker, 72, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary, died September 19 in Ashland, Ala. Funeral and burial were in nearby Lineville, September 21.

She and her husband, Rev. Earl Parker, were missionaries to China for 32 years and to Korea for four years before retiring in July, 1968. During her years in China, Mrs. Parker did city and rural evangelistic work in Pingtu, Shantung Province, and was a substitute teacher at the Effie Sears Memorial School. This was in addition to rearing four children. She left China in 1960.

## Bude Calls Pastor

Bude Church has called Rev. Ralph H. Scott as pastor. Mr. Scott began his work September 28.

He began teaching school there in 1955 under the leadership of C. C. Ratcliff, Sr. and taught two years before entering the seminary at New Orleans. Having taught school off and on for ten years, while working toward his Th.M. degree, Mr. Scott graduated last December 28.

He is leaving the Vancleave Church after serving there for thirteen months.



## Achievement At Birmingham

Training Union directors of Birmingham Church, near Saltillo, in Lee County, Mrs. Clarence Riley and Albert Haddon, are happy over their advanced recognition in the Training Union Achievement Guide Program. Both the merit and advanced seals have been earned, in the past six months. Training Union enrollment has grown from 49 to 60, with a recent high attendance of 60. Rev. D. L. Turner is pastor.

## MC Debaters To Appear At LSU

Mississippi College's trophy-winning debate team swings into a full season of intercollegiate competition early in October according to Dr. Hollis B. Todd, chairman of the Department of Speech and Drama and debate coach.

Dr. Todd has released a schedule containing fourteen tournaments in which the Choctaw debaters will participate. The first will be Oct. 10-11 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

This year's national debate topic is: Resolved, that the Federal Government should grant annually a specific percentage of its income tax revenue to the state governments.

## Church Architecture Conference Oct. 21, 22

The Annual Conference on Church Architecture and the Church Furnishings Exhibit is scheduled for the Southwestern Seminary campus October 21 and 22. Representatives of the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board will meet with classes. Dealers in church furnishings and equipment will set up exhibits in Price Hall for students and visitors.

The "Directions" series is aired by the network each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Local station logs give program times and dates in each viewing area.

## NORTHCREST TO DEDICATE PEWS AT HOMECOMING

Northcrest Church, Meridian, will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, October 5.

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, (pictured) long time executive secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, will be guest speaker.

The church will have dinner on the ground with an afternoon service following, at which time there will be special music and the ordination of a deacon, William Ishee. At the 11:00 o'clock service, 32 pews will be dedicated. These pews have been given by members and friends of the church. Name plates will be placed on the pews at that time.

The Northcrest church issues an invitation through their pastor, Rev. Leonard Holloway, to all former members and friends to join the membership that day for thanksgiving and dedication.

## "Baptist Hour" Topics

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for October are: October 5, "The Constancy of Law" — Galatians 6:7; October 12, "Does History Make Sense?" — Revelation 5:9; October 19, "The Post - Christian Age" — II Peter 1:16; October 26, "If Not Christ, Then What?" — John 6:37.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

## "Directions" To Air So. Baptist Programs

Two Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission productions will be aired nationally in October on the American Broadcasting Company's "Directions" program.

"The Game and How It Was Played Today," a drama by Gene McKinney, will be shown on October 5. Another McKinney drama, "People Who Live in Glass Paperweights Can't Throw Stones," is scheduled for October 12. The latter, first produced in 1965 by ABC, is a new production with a new cast and in color.

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William Carey College has awarded music scholarships to eight new students, both freshmen and transfer students. According to Donald Winters, chairman of Carey's department of music, music scholarships are awarded on the basis of talent in a variety of musical areas, general academic ability, and potential. Recipients are Linda Sheryl Sandifer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin R. Sandifer of Ackerman; Barbara Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lampton Johnson of Oskyka; Charwayne Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Johnson of Pascagoula; Tina Headrick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Headrick of Laurel; Jenna Young, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Arterberry of Hattiesburg; Larry Montgomery, of Tupelo; Dannie Lindsey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lindsey of Jerusalem, Israel; and Richard Curry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval M. Curry of Prattville, Alabama.

Rev. Dewey E. Merritt, missionary to Nigeria, will be acting Mission chairman, with headquarters at Ibadan (address: P.M.B. 5113, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa), while Dr. and Mrs. Edgm-H. Burks are on short furlough in the States. He is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Rev. Clarence Palmer on August 28 was rushed to the Magnolia Hospital in Corinth with a heart attack. He spent three weeks in the hospital and is now recuperating in his home at 2001 Proper St., Corinth, Miss. He asks that his friends remember him in prayer, and says he would like to hear from them while he is recuperating.

Bilbe Toole, chairman of deacons, announced that the congregation of Van Cleve Church, Van Cleve, has asked Rev. Bill Barton to serve as interim pastor. Mr. Barton is superintendent of The Home Of Grace, Ocean Springs, a Christian home dedicated to helping alcoholics, men and women.

Dr. W. C. Fields of Nashville, Tennessee, Public Relations Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and immediate past president of the Associated Church Press, was the keynote speaker at the third annual convention of NACIFO (National Association of Church and Institutional Financing Organizations, Inc.) meeting in Houston, Texas, September 23-25.

Rev. Earl C. Edwards has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Church, Harrisburg, Arkansas. He and his wife, Thelma, have moved to 1900 W. Main Street, Orange, Tex. 77630. He had taught for fifteen years in Arkansas, in two churches of Polkett County. Now he will be doing revivals and pulpit supply. Mrs. Edwards will be teaching in the public schools of Texas.

## "But What If The Hippie Dies?"

By Tal D. Bonham, Th. D.  
Pastor, South Side Church  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

"We want to get involved!" exclaimed one.

"Southern Baptists need to be relevant!" cried another.

"We need to relate to the needs of society!" echoed another.

We were standing at the front of Rivergate Auditorium in New Orleans during one of the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. The messengers with whom I spoke were a part of a vocal, organized student group who had already issued some significant statements to the convention.

"Have you made any effort to share your faith in Christ with unsaved people in New Orleans?" I asked.

One of the students with a green ribbon around one arm finally broke the long silence by saying, "Well, I am trying to learn what it is like to be a hippie so that I can love them for what they are."

"I would like to know what it is like to lie down beside a hippie and sleep where he sleeps," he continued.

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"But what if the hippie dies?" I asked.

"What?" replied one of the students.

"What if the hippie beside whom you are lying dies in the night and goes to Hell?" I explained.

My question drew more silence. Then, the student admitted, "Well, I guess I would have failed."

A study of the life of Christ will reveal that our Lord was certainly involved in the physical as well as the spiritual needs of people. The New Testament certainly teaches that there is more than one way of sharing one's faith in Christ. However, there is no biblical substitute for the act of witnessing to the saving power of God in Christ.

The most important this-worldly involvement is helping people prepare for the next world.

The Christian witness is relevant in the best sense of the word—here and hereafter.

The Christian can best relate to society by bringing individuals to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

After all — what if the hippie dies?

## Revival Dates

Ridgecrest, Hattiesburg: September 28-October 3; Rev. Kenna Byrd (pictured), pastor, McArthur St. Church, Passagoula, evangelist (Mr. Byrd was licensed and ordained to the ministry at Ridgecrest Church); Rev. A. D. Neiman, pastor; Royce Dennis, song leader.

Briarwood Drive, Jackson: October 6-12; Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor, N. O. Seminary, evangelist; Jimmy Lawrence, singer; services at 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Louis Smith, pastor.

## Bethel To Dedicate Three Buildings

Bethel Church, Rankin County, will on Sunday, October 5, hold a special service, dedicating the pastorum, educational building, and sanctuary.

Rev. Carey Cox, Clinton, executive secretary, Baptist Foundation, will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m. The song service will begin at 10:30.

Rev. W. C. McGee, pastor, announces that the public is invited to Open House from 2 until 4 p.m.



## Artesia To Build New Sanctuary

ARTESIA CHURCH, Lowndes Association, broke ground September 14, to begin a new sanctuary. Construction began September 15. The Building Committee is, left to right: Wayne Pangel, H. L. Gray, Woodrow Cox, D. A. Langford, chairman, M. B. Easley, and Rev. Max Parker, pastor.

## Macedonia Calls Pastor

Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr., for the past three years pastor of East Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, has accepted the call of Macedonia Church, Brookhaven.

Tedder, a native of Vardaman, is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Carolyn Thompson, moved to Brookhaven on September 16. They have one daughter, Sheila, a senior at Mississippi State College.

## Oak Grove Calls Pastor

Oak Grove Church, Shubuta, has called Rev. Valentine K. Robinson is a junior college, HSHR SH HI at William Carey College, majoring in Bible. He was associate pastor and music director at First Church Punta Gorda, Fla. during the summer of

1968, and associate pastor in charge of youth activities at First Church, Quitman during the summer of 1969.

## 1st, Glendale, Calls Pastor

Rev. W. A. Wimber has accepted the pastorate of First Church of Glendale. He goes to Glendale from East Winfield Church, Winfield, Louisiana. A native of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Betty Faye Welch, also of Tupelo. They are the parents of one boy and two girls, Terry, 10, Malinda, 7, and Lucretia, 4.

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